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TAGS: PFOR, KN, KS, US, CH  
SUBJECT: LOCAL CHINESE COMMUNIST PRESS IMPLIES US DOES NOT SEEK  
EXPANDED CONFLICT IN KOREA

REF: HONG KONG 9869

1. AN AUGUST 22 COMMENTARY BY HONG KONG'S PRC-OWNED TA  
KUNG PAO, WITHOUT MENTIONING THE NORTH KOREAN EXPRESSION OF  
REGRET OVER THE SLAYING OF TWO US OFFICERS IN PANMUNJOM,  
TAKES NOTE OF THE DESPATCH OF A US WARSHIP TO THE AREA BUT  
FOCUSES OVERALL ON REASONS WHY THE US DOES NOT SEEK AN EXPANDED  
CONFLICT IN KOREA. IN CONTRAST TO AN EARLIER LOCAL  
COMMENTARY'S ASSERTION THAT "WAR COULD BREAK OUT AT ANY  
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MOMENT" AS A RESULT OF US-ROK ACTION (REFTEL), THE LATEST

COMMENTARY SUGGESTS SUBSTANTIAL AGREEMENT WITH A STATEMENT  
BY A WASHINGTON BASED AP REPORTER  
THAT US REACTION TO THE PANMUNJOM INCIDENT INDICATES  
AMERICAN IS NOT PLANNING A DIRECT MILITARY RESPONSE.  
THE COMMENTARY ADDS THAT IT IS DOUBTFUL  
AMERICA WOULD WANT TO START A NEW WAR IN ASIA FOLLOWING  
ITS DEFEAT IN INDOCHINA AND STATES THAT IN AN ELECTION

YEAR, A WISE LEADERSHIP DOES NOT ACT RASHLY.

2. THE COMMENTARY FUTHER NOTES THAT THERE ARE DIFFERENCES  
WITHIN AMERICAN RULING CIRCLES ON THE ISSUE OF TROOP  
WITHDRAWL FROM KOREA. WHILE SOME ADVOCATE A CONTINUED  
US MILITARY PRESENCE SOUTH OF THE 38TH PARALLEL, IT POINTS  
OUT THAT THERE ARE ALSO THOSE WHO FAVOR A GRADUAL TROOP  
WITHDRAWL FROM KOREA. THE COMMENTARY ALSO STATES THAT  
THE PROPOSED RESOLUTION TO THE UPCOMING UNGA SPONSORED  
BY ALGERIA, CHINA AND SOME 20 OTHER COUNTRIES GIVES THE  
US "SOME LEEWAY" ON THE KOREAN ISSUE. IT SEES US  
COMPLIANCE WITH THE RESOLUTION AS THE BEST WAY THE US  
CAN ELIMIATE THE DANGER OF WAR IN KOREA.

3. PRC DOMESTIC MEDIA HAVE THUS FAR ORIGINATED NO  
COMMENT OF THEIR OWN ON THE KOREAN INCIDENT, BUT NCNA  
HAS REPLAYED SEVERAL KCNA REPORTS.  
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